

TRAINING PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION (TPI)

FOR

DINFOS-JSPAC

Joint Senior Public Affairs Course

(Previously Senior PAO Seminar SPAOS)



Approved by:

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**JOINT SENIOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS COURSE
TRAINING PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION**

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MEMORANDUM OF CHANGE TO DINFOS COURSE TRAINING PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION (TPI)

SUBJECT: Change in Joint Senior Public Affairs Course (JSPAC) Training Program of Instruction as follows:

CURRENT:

International students are not eligible to attend this course due to the limited number of seats.

CHANGE TO:

International students attending this course must have an English Comprehension Level (ECL) of 85, obtain a 2+/2+ on the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI), and possess basic typing skills. While seats are limited, international students may request attendance on a case-by-case basis dependent on availability and course prerequisites. Students requesting enrollment must be O-6s or senior O-5s and graduates of the DINFOS PAQC/DINFOS PAOQC or AFIS PAOC, with a minimum of one year experience as a PAO. Students must have a solid understanding of English language usage, grammar and syntax.

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TRAINING PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

Preface

TRAINING PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION FILE NUMBER (TPFN): DINFOS-JSPAC

TITLE: Joint Senior Public Affairs Course

TRAINING LOCATION: Defense Information School, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

SPECIALTY AWARDED: This is not a specialty-awarding course.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this course is to prepare public affairs practitioners to assert their roles as strategic communication leaders. This course provides high-level professional education to prepare the trained and experienced military and civilian public affairs officers to operate in a joint environment at a combatant command or other major command. Students will receive training in communicating with senior leadership and to develop a strategic vision and plan to prepare for major conflict. Such plans will synchronize with national geopolitical and military strategy and will require interagency coordination.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The Joint Senior Public Affairs Course provides a capstone experience for seasoned practitioners who will occupy senior Public Affairs jobs at the highest levels of military service. Using a blend of top-flight outside speakers, readings, written assignments and classroom discussion, this course will better prepare senior PAOs to become effective strategic communication counselors to combatant commanders, e.g., CJCS, Unified Commands, Service Chiefs, etc. This course will address the challenges faced by PAOs to rapidly gain approval for and release of sensitive information during a fast-breaking news situation before adversaries disseminate inaccurate and distorted messages and images. The graduate will have studied and practiced a wide variety of lifelike scenarios and exercises employing joint doctrine and simulating the joint operation planning and execution system.

PREREQUISITES:

Must be a graduate of DINFOS-PAQC; DINFOS-PAOQC; AFIS-PAOQC; 7G-46A (after 1981)

Army:	Officer: Sr. O-5/O-6, Civilian: GS-14/15
Navy:	Officer: Sr. O-5/O-6, Civilian: GS-14/15
Air Force:	Officer: Sr. O-5/O-6, Civilian: GS-14/15
Marine Corps:	Officer: Sr. O-5/O-6, Civilian: GS-14/15
Coast Guard:	Officer: Sr. O-5/O-6, Civilian: GS-14/15

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SECURITY CLEARANCE: Secret

CLASS SIZE:

MAXIMUM	16
MINIMUM	12
ANNUAL COURSE CAP	16

COURSE LENGTH: 17 Training Days

ACADEMIC HOURS:	127 Hrs
ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS:	8 Hrs
ADVANCED DISTRIBUTED LEARNING	68 Hrs

TOTAL COURSE HOURS:	203 Hrs
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INSTRUCTOR CONTACT HOURS: 135 Hrs

TYPE/METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:

Lecture (L)	107 Hrs
Performance Exercise (PE)	14 Hrs
Exam Performance (EP)	6 Hrs
Administration (AD)	8 Hrs
Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL)	68 Hrs

TRAINING START DATE: 23 April 2007

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: None. DOD policy was followed to assess the environmental impact.

MANPOWER: The Inter-service Training Review Organization (ITRO) formula was used to determine the number of instructors required.

EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES: The Course Design Resource Estimate (CDRE) contains this information.

TRAINING DEVELOPMENT PROPONENT: Defense Information School, Directorate of Training, (DINFOS/DOT): 301-677-4420

FUNCTIONAL AREA 1

PUBLIC AFFAIRS SOURCES and RESOURCES

TPFN: DINFOS JSPAC-001

UNITS:	001	OSD Public Affairs
	002	Joint doctrine and DOD policy and directives
	003	Management, resources, capability requirements and acquisition

TERMINAL TRAINING OUTCOME: The student will examine the structure, doctrine and the management of resources in joint operations. In conjunction with staff and guest speakers, the student will also discuss why strategic communication planning and counseling are necessary; and review real-world situations, challenges and solutions from recent operations. Upon completion of this Functional Area, the student will be able to address joint doctrines, DOD policies and directives and apply them to the changing conditions within theaters of operation.

TPFN HOURS AND TYPES:

39 lecture (L)
12 advanced distributed learning (ADL)

TPFN TOTAL HOURS: 51

FUNCTIONAL AREA 1
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SOURCES and RESOURCES

TPFN: DINFOS-JSPAC-001-001

UNIT TITLE: OSD Public Affairs

UNIT INTERMEDIATE TRAINING OBJECTIVE (ITO): The student will examine how the ASD PA's role pertains to DOD's strategic communication goals. The student will examine a comprehensive picture of the Public Affairs landscape including structure, functions, and challenges. The student will also assess how a commander looks at the operational impact of communication and how to achieve operational goals through communication. Additionally, the student will examine ways in which DOD's strategic communication goals are achieved through media operation, internal communication, and community relations. Each student will apply the knowledge and experience acquired during this unit to their final PA vision statement.

INSTRUCTIONAL TYPE AND HOURS: 18 L

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS: 18

- TASK (S):**
- 001 Assess senior commander's perspective on the operational impact of communication.
 - 002 Apply a senior PA's perspective on how to use PA to achieve operational goals and effects.
 - 003 Examine evolution of PA and roadmap for joint communication transformation.
 - 004 Examine DoD media operations as it pertains to DOD strategic communication goals
 - 005 Examine DoD internal communication programs as it pertains to DoD's strategic communication goals
 - 006 Examine DoD outreach/community relations and partnerships as it pertains to DoD's strategic communication goals
 - 007 Examine ASD PA's role in the interagency process

INSTRUCTOR/STUDENT RATIO: 1:16

SAFETY FACTORS: NONE

REFERENCES: Guide to IGOs, NGOs and the Military; Aall, Miltenberger, Weiss.
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FUNCTIONAL AREA 1
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SOURCES and RESOURCES

TPFN: DINFOS-JSPAC-001-002

UNIT TITLE: Joint Doctrine and DOD Policy and Directives

UNIT INTERMEDIATE TRAINING OBJECTIVE (ITO): The student will review the latest doctrine, responsibilities and operations for providing Public Affairs support in a joint environment. The student will examine and discuss current policies and their impact on Joint and DoD communication efforts. Guided discussion between and among guest speakers and course participants on questions, issues, realities and solutions will be interwoven throughout the session. Each student will apply the knowledge and experience acquired during this unit to their final PA vision statement.

INSTRUCTIONAL TYPE AND HOURS: 9L, 12 ADL

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS: 21

TASK (S):	001	Examine all applicable joint pubs impacting strategic communication.
	002	Examine Department of Defense directives on public affairs.
	003	Examine Department of Defense directives on visual information.
	004	Examine the National Defense Strategy of the United States of America.
	005	Examine Department of Defense policy on strategic communication
	006	Examine Department of Defense support to public diplomacy

INSTRUCTOR/STUDENT RATIO: 1:16

SAFETY FACTORS: NONE

REFERENCES: Guide to IGOs, NGOs and the Military; Aall, Miltenberger, Weiss.
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FUNCTIONAL AREA 1
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SOURCES and RESOURCES

TPFN: DINFOS-JSPAC-001-003

UNIT TITLE: Management, Resources, Capability Requirements and Acquisition

UNIT INTERMEDIATE TRAINING OBJECTIVE (ITO): The student will examine why management of resources and understanding of PA capabilities are necessary and important for providing message clarity and consistency when communicating intentions to diverse audiences in a global information environment. This unit will provide the student with essential steps that will assist them in inserting themselves in the joint planning process and ensure sufficient PA logistical and personnel support is available for mission sustainability. Each student will apply the knowledge and experience acquired during this unit to their final PA vision statement.

INSTRUCTIONAL TYPE AND HOURS: 12L

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS: 12

TASK (S):	001	Examine Request For Forces (RFF) process
	002	Examine Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS).
	003	Examine Joint Operation Planning and Execution System (JOPES)
	004	Examine Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) responsibilities
	005	Examine the US government and Department of Defense's budget processes
	006	Examine the Integrated Priority List (IPL) process
	007	Examine the Joint Manning Document (JMD) process
	008	Examine financial processes during contingency operations

INSTRUCTOR/STUDENT RATIO: 1:16

SAFETY FACTORS: NONE

REFERENCES: Guide to IGOs, NGOs and the Military; Aall, Miltenberger, Weiss.
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FUNCTIONAL AREA 2
PUBLIC AFFAIRS ISSUES

TPFN: DINFOS-JSPAC-002

UNITS: 001: National strategy and joint operations
 002: Related capabilities
 003: Emerging public affairs capabilities, technology and innovation

TERMINAL TRAINING OUTCOME: The student will examine various government and non-government organizational goals, policies, and strategies to determine their impact on and role in the PA mission. The student will also examine emerging technology available to support PA. Upon completion of this unit, the student will be able to coordinate with allies and other organizations within the international community and employee resources and technology that will allow the public affairs practitioners to assist with the U.S. national security goals

TPFN HOURS AND TYPE:

50.5 L Lecture
36 ADL Advanced Distributed Learning

TPFN TOTAL HOURS: 86.5

FUNCTIONAL AREA 2
PUBLIC AFFAIRS ISSUES

TPFN: DINFOS-JSPAC-002-001

UNIT TITLE: National Strategy and Joint Operations

UNIT INTERMEDIATE TRAINING OBJECTIVE (ITO): The student will examine how successful interagency, IGO, and NGO coordination will enable the US government to build international support, conserve resources, and conduct operations that efficiently achieve shared international goals. The student will also analyze relevant political environments and discuss their impact on the national strategy for public diplomacy and communications. Each student will apply the knowledge and experience acquired during this unit to their final PA vision statement.

INSTRUCTIONAL TYPE AND HOURS: 26.5 L, 36 ADL

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS: 62.5

- TASK(S):**
- 001 Examine the U.S. national security strategy
 - 002 Examine the U.S. national intelligence estimate
 - 003 Examine the national strategy for public diplomacy and strategic communication
 - 004 Analyze relevant political environments as they relate to command objectives, goals and missions
 - 005 Determine priorities and demands of combatant command joint PA organizations
 - 006 Integrate commander's communication intent into joint operations and COCOM strategy
 - 007 Assess the theater security cooperation plan for communication goals and objectives
 - 008 Explain the COCOM exercise regimen
 - 009 Explain interaction between the Department of Defense PA, State Dept. PA, Embassy PA and other overseas U.S. governmental agencies in the global political environment.
 - 010 Determine the impact of the Global Information Environment (GIE) on joint operations and the national strategy; anticipate future shifts and impact
 - 011 Examine the U.S. support of non-governmental agencies to help further national security goals

INSTRUCTOR/STUDENT RATIO: 1:16

SAFETY FACTORS: NONE

REFERENCES: Guide to IGOs, NGOs and the Military; Aall, Miltenberger, Weiss.
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FUNCTIONAL AREA 2
PUBLIC AFFAIRS ISSUES

TPFN: DINFOS-JSPAC-002-002

UNIT TITLE: Related Capabilities

UNIT INTERMEDIATE TRAINING OBJECTIVE (ITO): The student will examine current and future relationships with strategic communication disciplines such as Public Diplomacy, Information Operations, Psychological Operations, Civil Affairs, Visual Information and the Office, Chief of Legislative Liaison (OCLL). They will outline the roles and mission of each and their role in furthering U.S. national security goals. The student will also explain Effects Based Approach to Operations (EBAO) and highlight the role of PA/communications in EBAO. Each student will apply the knowledge and experience acquired during this unit to their final PA vision statement.

INSTRUCTIONAL TYPE AND HOURS: 18 L

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS: 18

TASK(S):

001	Examine current and future relationships of strategic communication disciplines, including Public Diplomacy, Information Operation, Public Affairs, PSYOPS, Civil Affairs, Visual Information, OCLL, and the roles and missions they play in furthering U. S. national security goals
002	Explain Effects Based Approach to Operations and examine the role of PA/communication in EBAO

INSTRUCTOR/STUDENT RATIO: 1:16

SAFETY FACTORS: NONE

REFERENCES:

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FUNCTIONAL AREA 2
PUBLIC AFFAIRS ISSUES

TPFN: DINFOS-JSPAC-002-003

UNIT TITLE: Emerging Public Affairs Capabilities, Technology and Innovation

UNIT INTERMEDIATE TRAINING OBJECTIVE (ITO): The student will review real-world situations, challenges and solutions from recent operations to determine Public Affairs best practices in coalition, joint and service-unique environments. Therefore, bridging communications theory and doctrine with what works well, what doesn't, the challenges, rewards and risks associated with various public affairs activities. The student will also examine a wide range of technology and systems that can assist in the PA mission. Each student will apply the knowledge and experience acquired during this unit to their final PA vision statement.

INSTRUCTIONAL TYPE AND HOURS: 6 L

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS: 6

TASK(S):

001	Examine capabilities for PA's to use such as: JPASE, DVIDS, PADS, MPADS, JCCC / Combat Camera, Regional Centers, Center for International Issue Research, Open Source Center
002	Examine best practices and lessons learned from joint public affairs operations.
003	Analyze trends in communication technology and applications, and impacts on PA

INSTRUCTOR/STUDENT RATIO: 1:16

SAFETY FACTORS: N/A

REFERENCES:

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FUNCTIONAL AREA 3
ASSESSMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

TPFN: DINFOS-JSPAC-003

UNITS: 001: Analysis, assessment and collaboration
 002: Scenario/Exercise/Case study
 003: Senior leadership and ethical communication

TERMINAL TRAINING OUTCOME: The student will review analysis, assessment and collaboration tools that can be used to research and evaluate missions and ensure proper operational planning. The student will also review relevant case studies and perform exercises designed to enhance their ability to operate in a joint environment at a combatant command or other major command. The student will also participate in a two-and-half day seminar in leadership and ethics conducted by the Center for Creative Leadership. Upon completion of this functional area, the student will be able to conduct operational mission planning and implement necessary communication activities in support of PA missions.

TPFN HOURS AND TYPE:

17.5 L	Lecture
14 PE	Performance Exercise
6 EP	Exam Performance
20 ADL	Advanced Distributed Learning

TPFN TOTAL HOURS: 57.5

FUNCTIONAL AREA 3
ASSESSMENTS and APPLICATIONS

TPFN: DINFOS-JSPAC-003-001

UNIT TITLE: Analysis, Assessment and Collaboration

UNIT INTERMEDIATE TRAINING OBJECTIVE (ITO): The student will build a thorough communications plan, starting with a review of “Where we are?” The student will examine approaches to evaluating communication impacts through qualitative and quantitative techniques. The student will perform a comprehensive situation analysis followed by an evaluation when the mission is complete. The student will also perform a media analysis and review the content assessment process. Each student will apply the knowledge and experience acquired during this unit to their final PA vision statement.

INSTRUCTIONAL TYPE AND HOURS: 2 L, 4 PE

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS: 6

TASK(S):

001	Using media analysis and assessment, measure PA effectiveness
002	Use a PA portal collaboration tool
003	Use PA web-based collaboration tool

INSTRUCTOR/STUDENT RATIO: 1:16

SAFETY FACTORS: NONE

REFERENCES: Guide to IGOs, NGOs and the Military; Aall, Miltenberger, Weiss.
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FUNCTIONAL AREA 3
ASSESSMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

TPFN: DINFOS-JSPAC-003-002

UNIT TITLE: Scenario / Exercise / Case Study

UNIT INTERMEDIATE TRAINING OBJECTIVE (ITO): The student will employ the critical thinking skills and theoretical concepts reviewed throughout this course as they participate in lifelike scenarios designed to prepare them to become effective strategic communication counselors to combatant commanders. The student will examine international case studies, perform a backgrounder exercise with the media, and develop a public affairs vision statement to present to a senior COCOM mentor. These exercises will give the student the tools to bring theory into practice and show them how what they have learned can be used as part of public affairs planning.

INSTRUCTIONAL TYPE AND HOURS: 7.5 L, 6 EP, 10 ADL

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS: 23.5

TASK(S):

001	Critically analyze relevant case studies
002	Perform as a senior spokesperson
003	Develop a PA vision statement for a regional/functional combatant command communication strategy

INSTRUCTOR/STUDENT RATIO: N/A

SAFETY FACTORS: NONE

REFERENCES:

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FUNCTIONAL AREA 3
ASSESSMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

TPFN: DINFOS-JSPAC-003-003

UNIT TITLE: Senior Leadership and Ethical Communication

UNIT INTERMEDIATE TRAINING OBJECTIVE (ITO): The student will examine ethics, morals, values, leadership, and the fine shades of difference separating them. This unit offers a two-and-half day seminar in leadership and ethics conducted by the Center for Creative Leadership, one of the world's top private firms that conduct training for senior management. The student will conduct self-analysis and assessment, review interpersonal relations behavior, conflict resolution, and consensus building. Additionally the student will, prior to the course convening date, prepare an argumentative essay on ethics and human communication. Those essays will be critiqued, graded, and then discussed in class.

INSTRUCTIONAL TYPE AND HOURS: 8 L, 10 PE, 10 ADL

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS: 28

TASK(S):	001	Conduct a self-assessment
	002	Develop a personal development plan
	003	Examine leadership, management and mentoring skills
	004	Examine media and senior leader ethics

INSTRUCTOR/STUDENT RATIO: 1:16

SAFETY FACTORS: NONE

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FUNCTIONAL AREA 4
COURSE ADMINISTRATION

TPFN: DINFOS-JSPAC-004

UNITS: 001 Course Administration

TERMINAL TRAINING OUTCOME: N/A

TPFN HOURS AND TYPE:

8 Academic (AD)

TPFN TOTAL HOURS: 8

FUNCTIONAL AREA 4
COURSE ADMINISTRATION

TPFN: DINFOS-JSPAC-004-001

UNIT TITLE: Course Administration

UNIT INTERMEDIATE TRAINING OBJECTIVE (ITO): N/A

INSTRUCTIONAL TYPE AND HOURS: 8

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS: 8

TASK (S):	001	Complete in processing.
	002	Complete end-of-course critique.
	003	Graduation
	004	Complete out-processing